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I certainly hope that you enjoy the new format for my E-mail newsletter. If you have any questions, comments, or requests please feel free to contact us at any of the methods listed above.

- Michelle

ANTI-HAZING LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

Recently legislation that I sponsored was introduced in the Michigan Senate that would make hazing a crime. This bill would make participating in the hazing of another person a crime if the person suffered injury or death as a result of the hazing. After a number of recent hazing incidents, most notably a Ferris State University student who died in 2000 after consuming 27 shots of alcohol as part of a hazing for a fraternity, I felt this legislation was needed. Under this bill, an incident resulting in injury would be a misdemeanor, while an incident resulting in death would be considered a felony. Penalties would include jail time or fines. Michigan is one of just eight states without anti-hazing legislation.

TASK FORCE PRESENTS FINDINGS ON MICHIGAN'S RECYCLING

Earlier last week, the Michigan Beverage Container and Recycling Task Force presented their final report to the Senate and the public. The 64-page document culminates the nearly 10 months of work performed by the task force and their recommendations. The task force made more than 40 legislative proposals aimed at increasing Michigan's recycling rate. Currently, the state's recycling rate is at 20 percent.

EARLY DRIVER'S LICENSE AND PLATE RENEWALS

If you are going to be heading south this winter, double-check to see when your driver's license and license plate expire. The Department of State allows you to renew your driver's license and vehicle license plate up to six months early for greater convenience and time savings while you are out of the state. To renew a driver's license or license plates six months early visit a branch

office. License plates also may be renewed online at the department Web site, www.Michigan.gov/sos, up to 45 days before they expire. To renew online, look for the Personal Identification Number printed on the renewal notice.

NINE-POINT JOB PLAN

This week, House and Senate Republicans unveiled an unprecedented proposal to provide more job opportunities for Michigan residents. Our proposal would help create manufacturing jobs, spur new small businesses and provide incentives to expand the state's slow-moving economy. This nine-point plan marks the first time Republicans in both chambers of the Legislature have united to push a common agenda. This proposal tops the fall legislative agenda in both the Senate and the House. Our stimulus plan includes an initiative to revitalize Michigan's floundering tool & die industry, which has been especially hard hit with job losses and overseas competition. Two of the components of this package are:

- Creation of Tool & Die Recovery Zones, providing tax relief similar to a Renaissance Zone.
- Tax incentives allowing small start-up businesses to be exempt from most taxes in their first two years of operation.

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